

In regard to the forum being held today, 1/16/03, I would like to suggest to Michael Powell that since he has stated in the past that he "doesn't know what the public interest is" and that he keeps emphasizing that the FCC is forced to review regulations every 2 yrs, he would best spend his time doing studies of the media that would in fact support the regulations that are already in place. In speaking at the forum he put the onus on the public and the media community to come up with reasons to keep these regulations in place. The major media owners like to talk about 'competition', but most average Americans do not believe that as we are the ones that have to face the increasing bills (i.e. Cable tv) and the lack of choices (as in - if you live in a certain area, you have no choice but to use Cablevision, etc.) in our daily lives.